

The Weekly Banner.

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CORN is selling at 9 cents a bushel in Atchison, Kansas.

DAVID B. HILL has introduced a bill in congress to make the term of all postmasters four full years.

WEYLER says Gomez is weakening; still the wily insurgents' backbone seems to be too strong to admit of being humbled by this inhuman Spanish butcher.

It is suggested that a thorough investigation of the matter would throw some light upon the wonderful influence of money in controlling public opinion.

The president has vetoed the bill providing for the establishment of a new division of the Eastern judicial district in Texas, and to provide for holding court at Beaumont, Tex.

The Texas Stock Journal says that from six to eight dollars per head was formerly the rate for insuring live stock on the ocean trip. It has now been reduced to 75 cents per head.

ALABAMA has achieved the distinction of being the first Southern State to admit women to practice in her courts, the enabling act having passed the legislature only a few days ago.

The Longview Times-Clarion gets it down as follows: "A curfew law to keep the boys off the streets at night and a few cur law to keep the worthless dogs off the streets during the day are badly needed in Longview."

MACHINE telegraphy has been so perfected that now 8,000 words per minute have been transmitted with one instrument. This astonishing rate requires that the armature register 2,600 impulses per second, the tape moving 27 feet per second.

Through the influence of Boss Quay Mr. Wanamaker has been induced to remain at home and attend to his bargain counter, instead of frittering away valuable time in the United States senate engineering "special drives" in the interest of the trusts and combines.

In a speech made in Congress June 24, 1890, Major McKinley said: "I am for the largest use of silver in the currency of the country. I would not dishonor it; I would give it equal credit and honor with gold; I would make no discrimination; I would utilize both metals as money and discredit neither. I want the double standard." No one doubts the sincerity of Congressman McKinley in 1890, and many of his friends confidently believe that he has not changed his mind, as wise men often do.

The record of bank failures for the past three weeks, says Texas Farm Journal, show that thirty-one banks went under with liabilities of twenty-one of these concerns footing up to \$21,354,779, the debts of balance not being stated. Averaging them in the same ratio as the twenty-one, it would make the entire liabilities aggregate \$31,523,715. Besides these are an unusual number of mercantile failures throughout the country, amounting to probably as much more. This doesn't look very much like prosperity.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, referring to the much talked of arbitration agreement between Great Britain and the United States, suggests that it is fair to assume that any such proposed treaty will be solely intended to conserve British interests, while jeopardizing those of the United States, and adds: The only foreign policy that is wanted for this Government is for it to insist upon its own without bluster and without wavering. The way to find out our own rights in any given case is to have the subject investigated by Americans, and, when a conclusion is reached, to submit to no abatement of it. If such a course leads to war, so be it. The nation ought rather to go to war than to submit to abatement of its rights. If it only claims them, then there can be nothing to be compromised or to be submitted to arbitration.

CUBA.

Cuba is the most westerly and the largest island of the West Indies, and by far Spain's most important colony, says Texas Farm and Ranch. This island is in the form of a long, narrow crescent, the convex side being towards the north, and is situated at the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico and is 124 miles south of the most southerly cape of Florida. The island is 759 miles long, and varies in breadth from twenty-seven to ninety miles. It contrasts, with the small attached islands, 46,419 square miles—a little larger than that part of Texas east of the Trinity river. The shores are low and flat, with a range of hills running the entire length of the island, in which the water courses rise, flowing northerly and southerly into the gulf. The highest peaks are in the southeast, some of which are more than 8,000 feet above the waters of the gulf. The climate is superior to that of any of the other islands of the group, but the coast region is malarious, the higher lands of the interior being healthful and salubrious. May, June and July are the rainy months, though rain falls every month in the year. A considerable portion of the island is still covered with immense forests of valuable timber trees, in a state of perpetual verdure. The chief exported products are sugar, tobacco, coffee and iron ore. The population is about 1,500,000—975,000 Spaniards and creoles, 9,300 foreigners, 40,000 coolies and other Asiatics, and 445,000 negroes and mulattoes. Cuba has about 1,000 miles of railroad and 3,000 miles of telegraph. The captain general, appointed by the crown of Spain, is the highest civil and military officer of the island, and all offices, from the highest to the lowest, are filled by Spaniards, from Spain. A revolt began in 1868, and ended in 1878, leaving the island saddled with an enormous debt. If ever a people had a more just cause to rebel we do not know their history. Under a government controlled by civilized principles and enlightened methods Cuba would be not merely the "gem of the Antilles," but of the western hemisphere. Her resources are enormous, the fertility of her soil phenomenal, her climate perpetual summer. Her spontaneous productions surpass in value the capacities of many prosperous states. For more than a hundred years she has been the chief reliance of Spain for revenue, which she has exacted with the heartlessness of a Shylock. Her promises of reforms have been totally disregarded in the fulfillment. What Spain wants is the taxes; what she does not want is not to be found in Cuba.

The "wave of prosperity" predicted by the goldbug bolshoists over McKinley's election, seems to have culminated in a "wave of adversity."

EDITOR MERRIMAN is making a splendid paper of the Corpus Christi Caller, and richly deserves a more liberal patronage.

Mrs. GRUNDY says: "That the variety of 'society people' nowadays is infinitely amusing. That only very rich men can afford to wear shabby clothing in these days. That those who are living on other people's money are never in robust health. That those who are not, but try to be, fashionable are very ridiculous at times. That there is no time in up-to-date hospitals for much consideration or sympathy. That the feuds generated between members of rival dancing classes are formidable. That it is not always safe to praise the dead until the will has gone to probate. That bank checks in the hands of some men are as dangerous as unloaded guns. That the respectability of church-going means more now than it ever did before. That the best test of love and affection in men and women is downright poverty."

The Terrell Times-Star states that were it not for the fact that they have to buy their corn, most of them, our farmers would be in fine condition. As it is they are as a rule in better fix than most anybody else in this country, especially those who make much of an effort to prepare for a "rainy day." We are told that most of the money on deposit in the banks of our country belongs to farmers.

RUSSIA is said to be trying to negotiate a new loan in Paris.

The world's production of gold in 1896 will approximate \$224,000,000.

The Spanish queen regent has signed the decree granting reforms for Porto Rico.

The National Treasury is said to have \$73,000,000 more gold than at this time last year.

The Newfoundland government is said to favor reciprocity in trade with the United States.

Gov. Culberson favors the abolishment of the preferred creditor clause in the Texas assignment law.

It is said that the unshot and unlynched section of Kentucky's population is beginning to feel quite exclusive.

It is said that Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, will be tendered the position of Secretary of the Navy in the McKinley cabinet.

LILLIAN RUSSELL says she is greatly annoyed by the reports that rapidly follow each other to the effect that she is soon to marry this man and that man. She asks, "how can I marry any other man as long as I now have one I am not divorced from?" That ought to satisfy the reporters who start the silly yarns. Lillian's motto is one at a time.

A VIGOROUS war is being waged on the gamblers in Dallas, Texas, and the recent grand jury indicted over fifty of them and they have been arrested and placed under appearance bonds of \$250 each. The indicted parties included faro dealers, faro owners, faro betters, pool runners, wheels of fortune, roulette and every game of chance known.

The San Antonio Light says when two year-old hogs are slaughtered in South Texas weighing within a fraction of 600 pounds there is no reason to kick against the results of intelligent pork raising; but, suggests that there is more profit in raising two 300 pound hogs and sending them to market at eight months old, than there is in raising one 600 pound hog and killing him at two years.

The Houston Post remarks that as against the deficiency appropriation bill of \$216,000 which the Twenty-fourth legislature was called upon to provide for, the twenty-fifth legislature will have easy sailing in financial matters, as it will find the treasury in excellent condition and fixed to remain so if the present method of managing it is continued.

THE CORN crop of 1896, as reported to the Illinois state board of agriculture, was the largest ever raised in the state with a single exception—in 1879, when the total yield of the state was 305,000,000 bushels. In 1896 the yield was 288,500,000 bushels. The average yield per acre was the largest in the history of the state, forty-two bushels. The average price through the state is 18 cents per bushel.

HEREAFTER women will vote in Idaho. By a decision of the Supreme Court of that state last week woman's suffrage has become an accomplished fact. The decision in effect is that when any proposed amendment to the constitution receives a majority of the votes cast on the proposition whether or not it is a majority of all the votes cast at that election, the amendment is carried. The woman suffrage amendment received 6,000 votes more than those cast against it, though not a majority of all the votes cast at the election.

A STATEMENT is going the rounds of the press to the effect that thirteen reporters, representing the big newspapers of America, among them J. R. Creelhan, of the New York World, and Julian Hawthorne of national fame, went with Mr. Bryan and reported his speeches. At the start every one of the thirteen was a gold bug, and at the end twelve of the thirteen were free coinage men. This is the effect of study of the subject. If men will only study the money question, and not assume that all those favoring silver are either cranks or dishonest debaters, they will change their attitude toward it as these newspaper men did.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Of the South Texas German Baptist Association.

The second day's session of the South Texas German Baptist Association opened shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday morning with a prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. G. H. Gerlach of Sulphur Springs. The morning session was taken up in hearing reports from the various churches embraced in the association, and in listening to papers, one by Rev. C. F. Jensen on "The Attitude of the Church Towards the Liquor Traffic," and the other by Rev. H. C. Gleiss on "Close Communion." The reading of the papers was followed by a thorough discussion of the ideas and suggestions they contained.

At the afternoon session the question of employing a colporteur for the association was discussed, and it is probable that Rev. H. C. Gerlach will be employed in that capacity. The next meeting of the association will be held at Kyle in January 1898. Resolutions were adopted thanking the pastor and the church for their hospitable entertainment of the association.

The visiting pastors will address the Sunday School at 10 o'clock this morning. At 11 o'clock today there will be a sermon by Rev. Jas. Gronde. At 3 p. m. a roll of the German B. Y. P. U., led by Rev. H. O. Gleiss, state president, and address by Rev. M. Benson at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Benson, at night.

TEXAS ITEMS.

Dallas has a colored female dentist.

The recent rains have made stock water plentiful throughout Texas.

Gov. Culberson will be inaugurated Tuesday, January 19.

Fire at Grandview destroyed three two-story brick buildings.

A new passenger depot is to be erected at Yoakum by the Sap.

The two daily papers of Abilene have consolidated. Sensible move.

It is reported that whitesappers are trying to run the negroes out of Temple.

The Tyler compress company is no longer in the hands of a receiver.

A negro claiming to be 110 years old died in Houston a few days ago.

The United Confederate Veterans will hold their reunion in June instead of May.

A convention of Texas cotton growers is called to meet at Waco on the 20th inst.

Fifteen thousand Panhandle calves were purchased by Kansas feeders last month.

W. H. Sinclair, formerly president of the Galveston street railway company, is dead.

The Texas Swine Breeders' Association will meet in Fort Worth on January 19th and 20th.

The Baptists of Marlin contemplate erecting a handsome new church edifice in the near future.

Judgment has been rendered in favor of the waterworks company against the city of Tyler for \$9,630.

Mrs. Franklin, of Harris county, has been elected postmistress of the Texas House of Representatives.

A Mexican club house was cremated at Corpus Christi a few days ago, entailing a loss of \$1,500.

The baseball fever will strike Texas about April 1st and rage in an epidemic form for some six months or more.

The fourteen-year-old daughter of James Foster, of Ellis county, died of lock-jaw, caused by sticking a nail in her foot.

Cofty Goofy not only ate thirty quails in thirty days at Dallas, but now proposes to fast for thirty days during Lent.

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